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To: All California Field Managers/Law Enforcement Officers (LEO)

From: State Director

Subject: Domicile Policy - California Law Enforcement Vehicles

It is my opinion that given the size of the BLM holdings in California, the domiciling of a government vehicle by a BLM-California Law Enforcement Officer, in some instances, is in the best interest of the Bureau of Land Management. Therefore, the domiciling of a government vehicle by an Officer in connection with field work requiring the Officer to regularly travel from their place of employment (not including situations where the Officer commutes to a fixed location) should be evaluated to provide the Officer greater expedience in conducting his/her duties. At the discretion of each Field Office Manager, government owned/leased motor vehicles may be domiciled at the Officer's residence when the Manager determines that such transportation is fundamentally in the best interests of the government. Domiciling a vehicle may not be used as a reason for a Law Enforcement Officer not to report routinely to his/her Field Office if such reporting is necessary.

Pursuant to General Order#17, and the detailed procedures for domiciling government-owned vehicles in Handbook 9260-1, Chapter IV, the Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC) will retain the State Office copy of all approved requests to domicile a government-owned vehicle (Form 1520-10). All LEO's, authorized to domicile government-owned vehicles will be required to complete the Domiciled Vehicle Use Log (Form 9260-16) on a daily basis. This daily use log will be submitted to the SAC no later than the tenth day of the following month. Approvals will continue to be done on a case-by-case basis and will be effective for a period not to exceed one year. All domiciling requests must be resubmitted annually, at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Again, I strongly encourage you to examine the benefits to be derived by the officer, the Field Office, and the agency. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please call Roger Bruckner, Special Agent-in-Charge, at (916) 978-4450.

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